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Gaitskell Critical Of Butler's Austerity Measures

London, Jan. 30. The former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, today criticised the austerity measures proposed by government as "in various respects inadequate, inappropriate and unjust."

He told the House of Commons that the opposition leader, Mr Clement Attlee, would propose an amendment tomorrow to the programme outlined by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He asked for a more just sharing of sacrifices and added that if the Chancellor went ahead with cuts in consumer goods, there would be a real danger of creating serious unemployment.

Gale Strikes Expedition's Base Camp

Paris, Jan. 30. A fire, fanned by a 60-mile-an-hour gale almost wiped out the base camp of the French Antarctic expedition, 1,200 miles from the South Pole, according to messages reaching here today.

The commander of the expedition, in Princess Adelie, 1,800 miles south of Melbourne, reported that the work-shop, vehicle storage cellar and all living quarters were destroyed. Ten members of the expedition were evacuated to a new camp, some 60 miles west of the burnt-out Port Martin camp. There were no casualties.

The fire broke out early last Friday, explorer Marrot said, from an electric short-circuit in a generator. All rushed out in the sub-zero cold and driving snow-storm to fight the flames, but in one hour most of the camp was lost.—United Press.

STERLING'S FUTURE

Meanwhile another Labourite criticised the terms of the communiqué published at the conclusion of the Conference of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers.

In particular, he declared, the communiqué left the impression that convertibility of pound sterling might soon be restored. To restore convertibility, he said, the commercial balance of the sterling area should have at a minimum surplus of £1,000,000,000. A surplus, he added, will not be achieved overnight.

He continued that the dark point of the future might be a fall in prices of raw materials in the sterling area so that it might satisfy more adequately its own needs.

Mr Butler interrupted the speaker at this point to say that he wanted to dissipate incorrect interpretation. "What I did," he said, "was to read the resolution of the conference and this was the attitude on convertibility of the Commonwealth Ministers as a whole. I did not say that it was just round the corner."—France Presse.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Hongkong's Squatters

WHILE Government's concern over the squatter problem has long been manifest, Mr K. M. A. Barnett's review of the subject to the Rotary Club did not come amiss. On the contrary he placed into perspective not only the problem of the squatters in relation to their legal status, but the necessity of finding a satisfactory method of resettling these unfortunate people. One inescapable consideration which has due influence on the problem is that squatters are here to stay; therefore permanent remedial action, and not temporary palliatives are required to ensure that they represent no menace to the health and safety of the community in general and themselves in particular. Mr Barnett accepted this proposition, but at the same time shied away from either admitting or discussing Government's responsibilities. They exist, however, in no small measure. While it is true that economic circumstances and political circumstances elsewhere have contributed to the presence of squatters in their hundreds of thousands in Hongkong, they have also been encouraged to make their way freely into the Colony in consequence of official policy. Government's responsibility starts at this point and it continues by virtue of the absolute necessity of ensuring that squatters do not endanger the health and security of the Colony. Resettlement schemes, therefore, must originate from Government; and it is satisfactory to be able to note that the official attitude has been enlightened and progressive prompted nevertheless to some extent by some of the fire disasters in squatter areas. Squatters have been successfully removed from built-up and residential districts and to some degree re-established on approved sites. It cannot be claimed, however,

Murdered By Thugs



Decision To Resume Anglo-Egyptian Talks Reported

London, Jan. 30. Reliable sources here tonight announced that agreement was reached today between King Farouk, Egyptian Premier Aly Maher Pasha, and British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson, on devising a plan for resumption of Anglo-Egyptian negotiations.

The agreement was reached during talks between the three parties.

These same sources said that the three parties would hold fresh talks in the near future to work out this plan. If a satisfactory formula were found, the British Government might then make a public announcement, they concluded.—France Presse.

CHURCHILL STATEMENT

London, Jan. 30. The burden of maintaining the control and security of the international waterway of the Suez Canal was one which must be more widely shared, declared Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons today.

"It is upon an international basis that the most hopeful solution of our Middle Eastern difficulties will be reached," Mr Churchill said.

Turning to the troubles in the Middle East Mr Churchill said that no more hopeful course had yet been suggested than an approach to all its problems in the spirit of the four-Power proposals for a Middle East command.

Mr Churchill said he had never had the feeling that Britain should make a bargain with the United States—"that if we worked smoothly with them in the Far East they should do the same for us in the Middle East."

"I think this should not be the subject of a bargain. Both cases should be dealt with on their merits and both cases are pretty strong when looked at on their merits," Mr Churchill added.

He said that if Britain and the United States "are known to be acting together difficulties will, by that fact, be substantially reduced, and the possibilities of a peaceful arrangement will be greatly strengthened."—Reuter.

ACHESON'S OPINION

Washington, Jan. 30. The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, told a press conference today that the United States was glad to see that the King of Egypt and the new Government were taking firm steps to suppress disorders in Egypt.

The United States strongly hoped and believed that the incidents of the past few days would not recur.

Mr Acheson was asked whether there was any more positive action the United States could take to urge moderation on both sides in the Anglo-Egyptian dispute.

Reviewing American policy in the dispute, Mr Acheson said that the United States had stated very clearly that there was no basis for Egypt's unilateral abrogation of the 1936 Treaty with Britain and the 1899 pact on the Sudan.

The United States thought that the problems between Britain and Egypt could be worked out.

It had joined with France, Turkey and Britain in making proposals to Egypt which they thought would form a good basis for working out those problems.

The United States regretted very much that Egypt had rejected these proposals without discussing them with the four Powers.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN PANAMA

Panama City, Jan. 30. Violent demonstrations took place today in the main streets of Panama City between police and a crowd of several thousand students demonstrating against the government decision to end the school year on Feb. 1. Club-swinging police arrested 16 demonstrators, but several policemen were slightly injured by stones thrown by the students.—Associated Press.

THREE HK YOUTHS MISSING

IN DINGHY

Sons Of Well-Known Families

INTENSIVE SEARCH

Three well known Hongkong youths are missing from a 14-foot home-made dinghy in which they sailed from Middle Island on Monday morning intending to visit Lantao.

They are David Bottomley, son of Mr J. H. Bottomley of the Buildings Ordinance Office, Tony Martin, son of Mr T. A. Martin, senior partner of Messrs Martin and Co., and Michael Salter, son of Mr A. W. Salter of Messrs Dodwell and Co.

An intensive search by Police and naval craft in conjunction with RAF planes which started yesterday and is continuing has so far failed to yield any results.

The Police, through the Marine Department, has circularised a notice to the local fishing fleets offering a reward of \$5,000 for the finding of the young men or for information that will lead directly to their discovery.

The dinghy was fitted with a small mast and sail, but no auxiliary engine.

It is believed that although search for the lost youths has not as yet been successful, they are still together. One of the parents suggested that the boat may have drifted into an out-of-the-way cove.

BUILT AT HOME

The dinghy was built in the basement of Tony Martin's house, the work being done by Tony, David Bottomley, Michael Salter and some friends.

It had only recently been completed and taken to Middle Island.

Mr Martin said he knew they had chosen a name for the dinghy but had not painted it on the hull before starting out on Monday's trip.

He did not think his son had had a great deal of experience sailing boats, but he was, together with his companions, tremendously keen on sailing.

Until Monday last they had kept to the waters around Middle Island, but when the Chinese New Year holidays came along Tony asked his parents' permission to spend Monday night aboard the dinghy.

He was provided with food and blankets and he set off early Monday morning.

His father, however, had no idea that the youths were planning to sail to Lantao for the night.

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**A Worry For Belgrade****Red Aerodromes Ring Yugoslavia**

Belgrade, Jan. 30. Russia is speeding up expansion of a network of jet airfields built on a wide arc behind the northern and eastern approaches to Yugoslavia and facing Turkey across the Bulgarian border and the Black Sea, according to information here. These airfields have been established in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. Some, from which Russian jets have been operating on a large scale for some time, are finished. Others are being pushed ahead and more started with large reserves of Russian-directed satellite military labour.

Duties have been given here concrete underground hangars by 70 Soviet and satellite officers and men who deserted, mainly during the second half of last year, and whose information is largely confirmed by both Yugoslav intelligence and Western military observers attached to embassies in Eastern Europe.

One of the biggest new air fields is near Karzag, between Budapest and Debrecen. It has three concrete runways more than two miles long, with

ACHESON'S REPLY TO HOOVER

Washington, Jan. 30. The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, said today that tremendous progress has been made toward strengthening Western Europe.

His news conference statement was an indirect reply to an attack on U.S. policy by former President Herbert Hoover.

Mr Acheson was asked for comment on a speech Mr Hoover made on Sunday in New York suggesting that no more ground troops be sent to Europe and that those already there be withdrawn, except where needed to protect certain air fields.

Mr Acheson said Mr Hoover apparently was re-stating his own views, to which he was entitled and which he had every right to make known, and Mr Acheson added he did not want to comment directly on them.

Mr Acheson thought the U.S. should be very pleased with the political, military and economic gains made in strengthening Western Europe.

Progress has been tremendous, Mr Acheson said, adding that this country should press forward unfalteringly to a realization of its goals.—Associated Press.

TAFT ATTACK ON LEWIS

Washington, Jan. 30. Senator Taft, Ohio Republican, today accused John L. Lewis of injecting a "red herring" into Senate hearings on mine safety. Mr Taft said it was entirely untrue that miners are denied the right to walk out of unsafe mines because of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Mr Lewis hit away yesterday at what he called "Bob Taft's slave statute."

The Republican Presidential hopeful hit back today.

Mr Taft entered the mine safety hearing late. Almost at once he asked to interrupt testimony being given and to make a statement on Mr Lewis's attack. Mr Taft said, "He blames it all on the Taft-Hartley Law." He then added, "Mr Lewis' statement yesterday was entirely irrelevant and entirely untrue."—Associated Press.

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Eden Faces A Barrage Of Queries In The Commons LABOUR DOUBTS ON YOSHIDA

London, Jan. 30.

Labour Members of Parliament today hurled a barrage of questions at the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, about Japan's decision to accord recognition to the Chinese Nationalists.

Reference was made to the letter sent last month by the Japanese Premier, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, to Mr John Foster Dulles, architect of the Japanese peace treaty.

In the letter Mr Yoshida announced that the Japanese intended recognising Nationalist China.

One of the questioners, Mr Michael Foot, referring to the letter, asked Mr Eden, "Don't you think that the action of the American Government in this respect amounts to a double-cross on the British Government?"

Another Labour Member urged that Parliament ought to have a chance now of reconsidering its decision to ratify the Japanese peace treaty.

Pressed again to say when he was informed by the Japanese Government that they intended to recognise Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists, Mr Eden replied,

"A representative of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed the United Kingdom Liaison Mission at Tokyo on the morning of January 10."

BRITISH VIEW

Mr Eden said that though this document had been written by the Japanese Government to the Americans it still remained a fact that no decision could be made till they were free to carry out their ratification.

This would be after the peace treaty had been signed.

Britain, Mr Eden added, had repeatedly stressed the view that relations between Japan and China should be a matter for decision by the Japanese Government after the peace treaty came into force and Japanese sovereignty was fully restored.

"That has always been our view and it still is our view," he said.

That applied equally to Japan's relations with countries other than China, he added.—Reuter.

NEW PURGE ARREST

Vienna, Jan. 30.

Rudolf Margolius, acting chief of the Czechoslovak Foreign Trade Ministry, was arrested three weeks ago on charges of treason, the Vienna newspaper "Das Kleine Volksblatt" reported today.

The arrest was made at the time when Austrian trade officials were in Prague negotiating a new trade agreement with the Czech Foreign Trade Department, the paper said.

Margolius, like the recently arrested Czech Economic adviser, Ludvik Frejka, was a Jew, the paper said.

Although they have no definite proof of a Communist campaign to eliminate Jews from the Czechoslovak Government, Western observers in Vienna have recently noted anti-Semitic tendencies in the Czech Press.—Associated Press.

British Victims Buried

Cairo, Jan. 30.

The remaining six British victims of the Cairo riots of last Saturday were buried this afternoon.

The funeral of three other Britons took place last Monday, while the body of another has not been recovered. Of these victims, eight and possibly nine had received severe if not fatal injuries before being affected by fire, a British official report stated.—France-Presse.

Air Survey Of Flood Areas

Washington, Jan. 30.

The White House announced tonight that President Truman would fly over flood-stricken areas of the Ohio Valley tomorrow.

President Truman will take off immediately after his Press conference. He is due to return to Washington in the afternoon after flying over the flooded areas in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.—France-Presse.

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NEW MOVE IN TUNIS SITUATION

Arab-Asian Nations' Notes To UN

Paris, Jan. 30. The Arab-Asian group of nations in the United Nations decided today to send letters to both the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council drawing the attention of those two bodies to the regrettable situation prevailing in Tunisia.

The text of the letter, which will not be published until it has been signed by all the States concerned, either later today or tomorrow, was decided upon during a two-hour meeting between the representatives of 15 Arab-Asian nations.

Arab sources later said that the letter merely expressed the concern of the "Mohammedan nations of Africa and Asia, which represent over half the population of the world," over the prevailing situation in Tunisia and their intention "to see to it that the situation be improved as soon as possible."

Tunisian quarters here, however, expressed the feeling that the letter did more than just express concern.

Salah Ben Youssef, Tunisian Minister of Justice, who attended the meeting, said afterwards: "These nations decided to draw the attention of the Security Council and the General Assembly to the seriousness of the situation prevailing in Tunisia and its obvious grave consequences threatening peace."

Asked if he meant that the countries had decided to support a Tunisian complaint before the Security Council, Ben Youssef refused to elaborate.

On the other hand, Syria's Paris el Khouri told correspondents that the letter was simply for good offices.—United Press.

Sick Man Gave Doctor Broken Nose

London, Jan. 30. A call came to Dr G. M. Johnson, of Woolacombe, North Devon, to attend a man at Ilfracombe, five miles away.

The doctor found the man in bed and began to treat him. Suddenly, the man jumped out of bed—and the doctor found himself with a broken nose.

Then the patient went to the bedroom window and fell 30ft. into a basement yard.

Dr Johnson did not go home—he stayed in attendance on his patient while an ambulance was called to take the man to a hospital in Exeter.

Then the doctor journeyed 22 miles to Northam for special treatment to his nose.

"No statement," said the doctor, and then added: "But I'm not feeling so good."

"NAZIS" APPEAR IN FLEET ST.



Striking Change In Relations With Tito

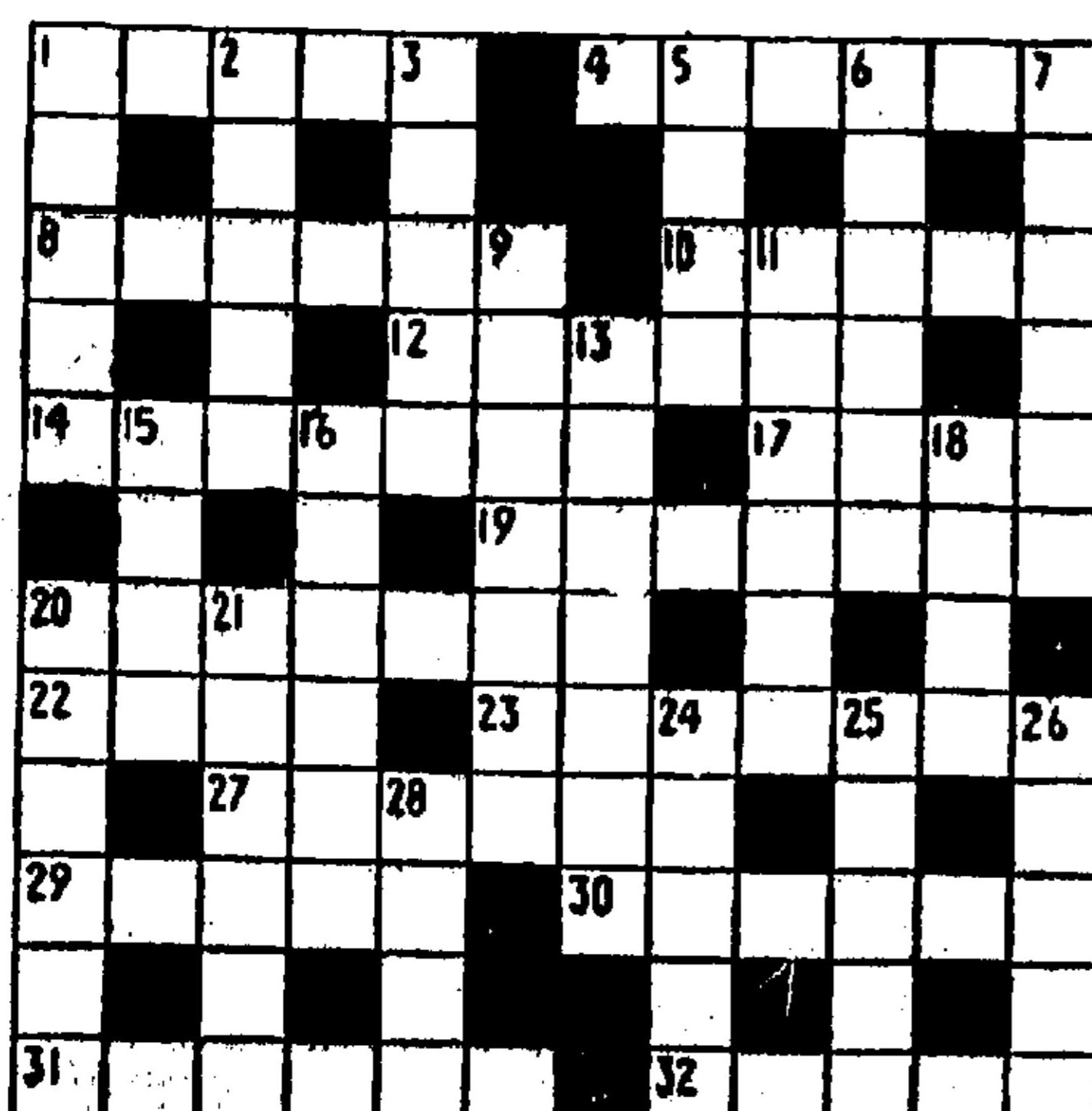
Bank Chief Sees Eden

London, Jan. 30. The President of the World Bank, Mr Eugene Black, called on the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, at the Foreign Office today.

Officials said it was possible that Mr Black discussed suggestions for a World Bank's trusteehip of the Iran oil industry. Mr Black is touring the capitals of the world and his call on Mr Eden was a routine courtesy.

Mr Eden is known to be interested in the prospect of the World Bank assuming trusteeship of the former Anglo-Iranian concessions in the hope that it would lead to a resumption of negotiations with Iran.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Proposal, 8 Over, 9 Dialect, 11 Apparent, 13 Dear, 15 Promised, 16 Marriages, 19 Levy, 21 Relevant, 20 Rich, 27 Mystery, 29 Power, 1 Come, 3 Leap, 4 Rose, 6 Pen, 8 Show, 10 Answer, 12 Japan, 14 Japan, 16 Answer, 18 Japan, 19 Answer, 20 Rich, 21 Rich, 23 Answer, 24 Answer, 25 Rich, 26 Answer, 27 Answer, 28 Answer, 29 Answer, 30 Answer, 31 Answer, 32 Answer, 33 Answer, 34 This.

NEW KASHMIR PROPOSAL

Britain Suggests Resumption Of Graham's Mission

Paris, Jan. 30.

The proposal that Dr Frank Graham, the United Nations representative for Kashmir, should return to the Indian sub-continent and continue his negotiations for a settlement of the Kashmir problem was made by the United Kingdom delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, at this afternoon's meeting of the Security Council.

Sir Gladwyn suggested that Dr Graham should report back to the Security Council at the end of March and he did not think that any change in his terms of reference was necessary.

Today's session of the Security Council, meeting to resume consideration of the Kashmir question, was presided over by M. Jean Chauvel, of France.

India's case was in the hands of Sir Girja Shankar Bajpal while Pakistan was represented by Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, who opened the debate. Sir Mohammed said that every aspect of the Kashmir problem had been examined by the Security Council but to a new Constituent Assembly elected for the whole of Kashmir.

Sir Mohammed said that he had since been given to understand that the Soviet delegate was not referring to the Constituent Assembly convened in the Indian part of Kashmir but to a new Constituent Assembly elected for the whole of Kashmir.

RUNNING SORE

Dr Graham had referred to the situation as a "running sore," Sir Mohammed said. "This is true, as the dispute has been before the United Nations for four years.

"All efforts at negotiation, mediation and conciliation have failed.

"The time has come for the Security Council to face the issue and to bring about the peaceful settlement of the dispute. The welfare of over four million human beings, as well as the peace and stability of South Asia, are at stake.

"The situation brooks no further delay. The Council must take prompt, firm and decisive action. I hope that the Council will take definite steps to resolve the points in dispute and submitted by Dr Graham and ensure that the implementation of the two Kashmir Commission resolutions will be resumed and pushed vigorously forward."

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, of Britain, who spoke next, said: "Sir Zafarullah Khan has dealt most effectively with the allegations made by the Soviet representative on January 17. I do most sincerely hope that these extraordinary red herrings will not continue to be drawn across the trail and that the Council will return to the atmosphere of objectivity which, until M. Malik's intervention, had always characterised its consideration of the Kashmir problem."

FINAL STEP

Sir Gladwyn added: "In our long and painful consideration of the Kashmir question, we have, after all, inched our way slowly forward one step at a time. But now seems to be the time to take one final step."

Sir Gladwyn suggested that, in view of Dr Graham's success so far in bringing about the two parties together, he should pay a further visit to the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent to make a final attempt to bring about a solution on the two points of travel on the four points, which he deemed "essential" to his plan.

Sir Mohammed said that Pakistan's views on the 12 points were set out in the documents before the Council.

IN PRINCIPLE

"Pakistan is ready to carry out demilitarisation in either two stages or one continuous operation. But Pakistan cannot agree to a one-sided demilitarisation programme," Sir Mohammed said.

Demilitarisation was not an end in itself but an essential preliminary to the holding of a free plebiscite.

In short, Pakistan accepted in principle Dr Graham's second proposals, but believed that "some of the important terms should be defined and details filled in."

(After visiting Kashmir, Dr Graham had suggested 12 demilitarisation proposals on September 1, 1951, but received agreement only on four of these.

The Security Council considered his report and noted his programme "with approval" on November 10, 1951.

The Council instructed Dr Graham to continue his efforts to gain agreement and report again and on December 18 he submitted his next report. On January 17 he made a personal statement to the Council.

(Dr Graham's proposals related to the scope, extent and period of demilitarisation and the date of appointment of a plebiscite administrator.

RUSSIAN CANARD

Referring to the statement made in the Security Council on January 17 by the Soviet delegate, M. Jacob Malik, Sir Mohammed said that M. Malik had quoted Press reports that military bases in Kashmir had been offered to certain powers.

Sir Mohammed declared: "These reports are utterly false. They are made of cheap, easy-to-get metals, for a projected life of about ten hours.

The photons plane may be used chiefly as a target for new and secret anti-aircraft weapons being developed at Woomera. It might also be used as a prototype for a guided missile.

The Soviet delegate had also said that the Kashmir dispute should be settled on the principles of self-determination and through a referendum by the Constituent Assembly.

A Real Thrill In Store For British Children



A real thrill is in store for British children when these seven Stoney Indians from the Maple Reserve, Calgary, Canada, perform in Great Britain. Pictured here aboard the 'Empress of France,' the Indians will perform in an English circus, showing their way of life to thousands.—Express Service.

Red Tape Robbed British Educator Of Post In US

Chicago, Jan. 30.

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists said today that Michael Polanyi, prominent British educator, has been unable to enter the United States to accept a post on the University of Chicago faculty.

Because his visa application has gone unanswered for a year, the Bulletin said, Professor Polanyi was forced to resign the Chicago appointment and return to his former position at the University of Manchester.

In a blast at the "visa situation," the Bulletin also reported that two Mexican scientists were unable to obtain entry to attend a regional meeting of the Physical Society at Houston, Texas, last month.

A protest against the situation was sent to the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, by Lawrence Kimpton, C.uncello, of the University of Chicago, and three of the University's professors.

One of the professors is Dr Cyril S. Smith, Director of the Institute for the Study of Metals, whose resignation as a member of the General Advisory Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission was announced by the White House last week. The White House said Dr Smith wants to devote all his time to University work.

The professors said they are deeply concerned with the adverse effects on the intellectual life of this University and the country resulting from certain provisions in the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950.

They contended that investigations for visa application required under the Act are so far-reaching and detailed that months and months, even years, are required to clear an applicant for a 10-day visit.

LOSING FRIENDS

Dr Kimpton urged Mr Acheson to "direct your earnest efforts toward a reasonable amendment" of the Act.

Professor Polanyi, a naturalized Briton born in Hungary and professor of chemistry in

Another Defeat For De Gasperi

Rome, Jan. 30.

The Italian Government headed by Signor Almide de Gasperi today suffered its second defeat in two weeks in the Assembly.

A minor amendment of the Government bill for raising the salaries of civil servants did not, however, involve a question of confidence in the Government.

The amendment was approved by 252 votes to 240, contrary to Government advice. The announcement of a division was applauded by extreme left deputies.

The first defeat of the de Gasperi Government occurred last week, also on the question of salary increases for civil servants.

The opposition described the two successive defeats of the Government as confirmation of its social policy. The Government normally enjoys a full majority in the Assembly.

This is a reflection of the better wages and conditions that agricultural workers now enjoy, an education official said.

Bullock Shocks High Street

Croydon, Jan. 30. The proprietor of an Army surplus clothing store in Church Street, Croydon, Surrey, was in his office today checking some correspondence when he suddenly looked up and saw a bullock.

"I have never had such a surprise in all my life," he said.

"Before I could do anything, the bullock strolled round the shop and then, when three men came in with ropes, ran and before they could catch him."

The bullock charged across the busy High Street, scattering traffic. Eventually it was cornered by policemen in a cul de sac and shortly afterwards was again on its way to the slaughterhouse.—Reuter.

Soviet View Of Indian Elections

London, Jan. 30. The first account of the Indian general elections published in the Soviet newspaper, Trud, organ of the Soviet trade unions, said today, "The success of the United democratic front is undisputable."

Broadcast by Moscow Radio, the account, written by Zvyagint, divided India's competing parties into two main groups.

The Government bloc, including the National Congress, and the Mahasabha, with other "extreme right-wing reactionary Chauvinist elements," and the Socialists, though coming forward with programmes differing in their forms, were all akin to each other, the newspaper said.

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The Middle East, he said, suffered from a lack of alacrity, complete oblivion of social and economic factors in the nationalist movement and the lack of will shown by Arab nationalism to fit its aspirations into the framework of international interests.

After its own achievement, Israel could be false. If it looked with distaste on the nationalist aspirations of its neighbours, Mr Eban continued.

The Egyptian treaty should be revised but he did not like the assumption that it could be broken unilaterally.

The Suez Canal was an international artery, not a national lake, he added.—Reuter.

GIANT PLANE BURNED OUT

Spokane, Jan. 30. A giant B-52 bomber was destroyed by fire at Fairchild Military airfield in Washington State last night.

Witnesses reported that the plane, including engines, of the Consolidated Vultee Company, which makes B-52s, had burst into flames.

This accident occurred when the plane landed on the runway and hit a snow drift. B-52s are manufactured at a cost of \$100,000 each.

DUMB-BELLS

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by Beachcomber

THE televising of speeches will be great fun for the politicians, because a speech will become a lecture, without the inconvenience of interruptions, questions, cut-offs, and whatever else brings a certain liveliness into their dreary performances.

It is a good idea, a well-trained studio crowd to laugh or to murmur approval at a given signal.

My favourite interruption of last week came from a man who when asked if he was taking a first stand about Engie, shouted "Give me Henrie! That was in the good old us-hall tradition."

in passing

"EVEN those," it says, "who dismiss the American phrases must admit that they're much slicker than our own."

What could be sleeker than to say "Check up on" instead of "check" "try and cover" with instead of "get it over"? While we in the slow way are "doing" things they are slickly "facing up" to them.

Behind the trellis

THIS business of the trillies at Bromley has got the washing is evidently being taken very seriously not because Bromley washing is

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

You Can Play This Hand Several Ways

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW would you play the South hand at six spades if you couldn't see the East and West hands? You win the king of clubs with the ace, of course, and you take the ace of trumps. What next?

If you like the way you guess you can try to guess which defend has the queen of hearts. Even if you guess that wrong you will still make your contract if the dummy has the queen of diamonds.

You might improve your chances by taking out the king of clubs and then taking the king of hearts followed by a finesse of the heart jack. If that finesse happens to lose, it is decided that you have to give up the club suit. West will then have the king of diamonds. He would have to return a club or a diamond giving you the slam.

The best play, however, is to lead the club suit after the trick and let West win the trick. Just discard a low club. It's dummy as West takes his queen of clubs.

What can West return? A diamond gives you a free finesse after which

NORTH	10
♦ 10 7 6 5 4 2	
♥ K 5 4	
♦ 8 7 3	
♦ 7	

WEST	EAST
♦ Q	♦ 9
♥ 8 6 3	♥ Q 7 2
♦ K J 6 2	♦ 10 9 5 4
♦ K Q 10 9 5	♦ 8 6 4 3 2

SOUTH (D)	
♦ A K J 8 3	
♥ A J 10 8	
♦ A Q	
♦ A J	

North-South vul.

South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3 N.T. Pass
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
0 ♦ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—♦ K

you can ruff two hearts in the dummy. A club lets dummy ruff while you discard the queen of diamonds.

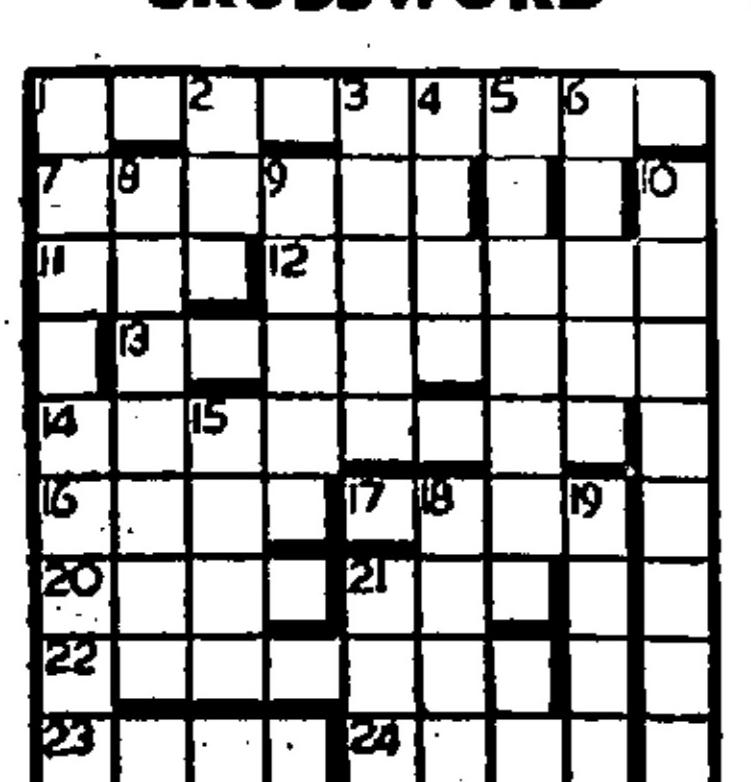
West can give you trouble only if he returns a heart. But then, also, you are home if the queen of hearts is led on the first or second or third round of that suit. If it does, you will have two heart tricks and discard both losing diamonds from the dummy.

Even if West returns a heart and you are held to three heart tricks you are still in position to take a diamond finesse as you find out.

One point about this hand: another if West happens to return a heart. The reason I like this way of playing the hand is that it is a fine chance for West to have a brain-storm and return a club or a diamond. When in doubt always give the opponents a chance to make a mistake.

CARD SENSES

Q.—The bidding has been: East South West North
1 N T Pass 3 N.T. Pass
You South hold: Spades A-J-10-7-5. Hearts K-J-4. Diamonds Q-7-5. Clubs 2-3. What is the best bid? I have the last four spades. Naturally you lead your long suit. The card to lead from this combination is the Jack, the top of the interior sequence.

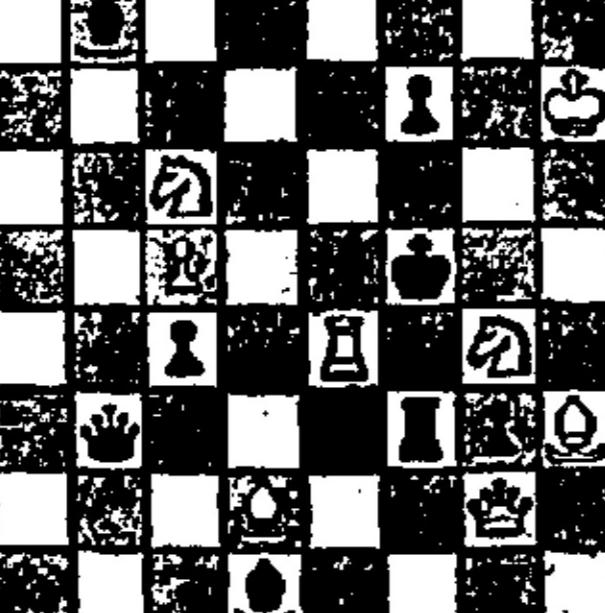
CROSSWORD

(Answers on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. PALKOSKA

Black, 8 pieces.



White, to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt—OB8; any; 2. Q, R, or Kt mate.**• BARBS**

By HAL COCHRAN

NOT all forms of addressing a golf ball can be found in the rule book.

In a husband a woman has a definite viset, says a writer. And the husband usually has a lie ability.

You can't be polite these days without someone wondering what you want.

THE FRENCH GO DOWN TO SCOTLAND



France was defeated by 13 points to 11 in the international Rugby match at Murrayfield, Scotland. Photo shows the French players making a determined attempt to prevent a Scottish break through

THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

Let's Cut Out These Helsinki Hangers-on

By W. CAPEL KIRBY and DAVID JACK

Despite numerous cash-raising schemes, it is by no means certain that Britain will send a complete athletics team to the Olympic Games in Helsinki. That's why the big talking point among our track and field men is the possibility of a large team of officials making the trip—to the exclusion of several competitors

As one athlete said: "We could get by with three officials— one team manager for the men, one for women, and coach Geoff Dyson.

"There are going to be some tour of Turkey, which has also been turned down by Preston, well in the sales department, but rumoured competitor places are still open to any first-class club yet to return a score of over £4,000 for Gordon Pembury.

"We've just got Clark Musson and Jack Lee back into circulation since our last close season trip abroad," says Derby manager Stewart McMillen.

The hunt for Cup Final tickets is just starting but we know one football director who would like to get tickets for other sporting occasions as easily as for the Wembley affair. He was in a £4,000 queue outside Wimbledon at 6 a.m. on a Saturday last July.

NO VIP'S AT HIGHBURY
England cricketer Brian Close is on Arsenal's books. He is also a keen golfer. Last month Arsenal had a golf match against the members of South Herts, but it was a first team fixture as part of their Cup training, which explains why Close had to respond to a phone message to leave South Herts and rejoin third team boss George Male at Hendon.

There are no VIP's or privileged persons at Highbury. Charlton Athletic, with offers from Argentina, Turkey and Sweden, are almost certain to choose Sweden for their summer tour. If they bring back another Jeppson the trip will be well worth while. Manager Jimmy Seed, incidentally, will soon be packing his bags for another

South African scouting mission.

CLIFF-TOP WATCH
Cliff-top watcher for the Flying Enterprise was Ken Tewkesbury, ex-amateur international Birmingham and Walsall goalkeeper. Ken, hard-working boss of a horticultural business, is hon. manager of Falmouth FC and treasurer of the progressive South-Western League, which has 361 registered players. 108 of whom are part-time professionals.

Russia's amateur flyweight boxing champion, 21-year-old Boukakov, looks a good bet for an Olympic gold medal at Helsinki. In the USSR Championships he handed out a hiding to Finland's Hyttainen, who represented Europe in the American "Golden Gloves" tournament. Other Russians who might win Olympic boxing titles are welter, middle and heavy-weight Schotikas.

Newport County utility forward Tony Nelson, son of former Cardiff, Newcastle and Southend international Jimmy Nelson, has refused several offers to turn pro. Tony's ambition is to play for Wales in an amateur international—but he's still waiting for his first trial.

Chelsea wing half Frank Mitchell would like to return to the Midlands—preferably with his old club, Birmingham City.

TOUR OFFER STILL OPEN
Derby County were originally offered the attractive close season

of 1952.



"REFEREES ON HORSEBACK AND BELLS BEHIND THE GOALS"—IT'S AN IDEA

Says IVAN SHARPE

"*Referees on horseback and bells behind the goals!*" a dear old friend of mine used to say of proposals to alter football laws. He died in the last ditch.

The longer I live, the more firmly I believe there's room for new ideas, however popular the game.

Herbert Chapman of Arsenal was given the bird when he tried to introduce the white ball 20 years ago. Now it's the catch of the season. But it isn't perfect.

It's lighter in weight, as well as colour, and this has knocked out more than one club in the Cup-ties. So the Scottish FA are first in the field with the order that it must be used from the kick-off or not at all. That's good.

IT'S NOT CLEAR

Scotland also condemn the indirect free-kick as punishment for obstructing, and will propose a direct free-kick by adding "or body" to the ban on holding an opponent with hand or arm (Law 12). That's good, too.

Continental body-checking is as bad as illegal handwork. Also, our referees are using the indirect award to avoid giving penalty-kicks. Besides, no one knows at present whether a free-kick is direct or indirect, whether a goal can be scored direct or not. That's bad.

Confusing rulings by referees prompt an off-side prop, al about to be made by an influential Football League club in the Midlands.

If the ball has "last touched" an opponent, the player as you were, is on-side. Before the referee can blow his whistle, however, a touch sometimes places an off-side man on-side. This has brought goals and headdebates.

So this club will take steps to cut out altogether the proviso about a man being on-side if the ball last touched an opponent or was played by him. This on-side business has been a general nuisance, but I must take time off to ponder this one.

THAT NEW CUP

Here is Counsellor Arthur Mortimer, or Bath City, to say of the proposed new Intermediate Cup that, if all the clubs in the leagues mentioned have been circularised, it would appear that

WILLIAMS TO RETIRE?

Very strong rumours that England goalkeeper Bert Williams would retire this season recently. We checked with Bert, who said: "It's complete rubbish. These rumours have been going about for some time, and I would like to kill them right away as completely untrue and false." That's definite enough.

Move over, Derek Dooley. Rening's centre-forward from Headington, apprentice carpenter Sammy Chung, is on your tail. Chung, after six "A" team matches, has scored 24 goals. His sequence reads: 3-3-10-3-0-5, but manager Ted Drake says: "Chung is only one of five good centre-forwards on our books." Lucky Reading.

Lorna Frampton is to champion Britain's women swimmers at Helsinki. Her appointment recalls an Olympic record she shares with Bernard Joy. Both represented Great Britain at the 1936 Berlin Games, ex-backstroke champion Lorna then being a student at the same Hounslow school at which Britain's Soccer captain was teaching.

THANKS TO THE KIWIS
Bradford Northern look a certainty to be rugby League team of the year and New Zealanders Jim Phillips and Jock McLean are chiefly responsible. Full-back Phillips has beaten a 19-year-old goalkicking record for the club while winger McLean has passed Northern's best-ever try-getting figure. And there's still half a season to go.

One of the best young wingers in Soccer—he's already played for an FA XI—nearly gave up the game recently because payment of £5 a week rent for a furnished flat left him penniless. He's now living in another flat at half the cost but must still envy Soccer's glamour boys who pay nominal rents and live in £3,000 houses.

Jack Fairbrother, wisecracking goalkeeper of Newcastle's Cup-winning side, tells us he hopes to be playing again shortly. The plaster which righted his broken thumb is removed and there has been no recurrence of his shoulder trouble.

SHANKLAND'S HAT-TRICK?

Folk in Northern golfing circles who thought burly Bill Shankland would repeat at leisure over his decision to leave Templenewsam, Leeds, for Potters Bar, will be interested to

MONTY OPENS UP AN OLD CONTROVERSY

London, Jan. 30.
Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery's suggestion that the Olympic Games should be open to professionals as well as amateurs today aroused opposition from leading British sports representatives.

Field Marshal Montgomery, in a letter to the British newspaper The Times today, said that since the Soviet Union, whose sportsmen were all professional, had been admitted to the Olympic Games, the Committee should "draw the logical conclusion" and make all events open to professionals and amateurs.

Lord Burghley, Chairman of the British Olympic Association, said: "The international rules clearly lay down the definition of an amateur and, therefore, professionals are not allowed to participate in the Games."

"I do feel that professionalism and amateurism should be separated. Each has its own part to play and both do it successfully. But as regards the Games, they are for amateurs only."

Mr James McIntosh, Secretary of the Amateur Boxing Association, said: "Lord Montgomery should study the Olympic ideals before making suggestions like this."

"Imagine putting Britain's two leading cruiserweights, professional Don Cockell and amateur Peter Tock, in the ring together. Cockell is training fulltime while Tock is soldiering and training when he can. It stands to reason that Tock would be at an enormous disadvantage."

Competitors and officials would probably number between 200 and 250. The British teams would spend about 10 days at the Games.

The British tourist agency, Thomas Cook and Son, said today that about a third of the 8,000 overseas tourists they were arranging for this year would now be out of reach of the British public.

The majority of the bookings they had so far received were for 10-day holidays which would still be possible with only slight adjustments in expenses.

People were still booking for holidays abroad and there had been no rush to cancel arrangements already made.

Officials of British touring companies are afraid that tourism committees, such as France and Switzerland, where tourist earnings are an essential feature of the economic structure, might have to reduce their own allowances for visitors to Britain. Reuter.

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Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 1st February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Flort, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffs will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Bus (Tel. 27818).

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"TJSADANE"	Mar. 8th
"TJIUWAH"	Mar. 18th
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"TIKAMPEK"	Mar. 25th
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"TASMAN"	Apr. 23rd
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"TJIUWAH"	May 16th
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Interim Treaty On Reparations For Indonesia

Tokyo, Jan. 30.

The Japanese Foreign Office today released the draft of an interim agreement on reparations with the Republic of Indonesia that sets up a framework for a final treaty some time in the future.

The draft leaves a number of important matters still undecided. These will be tackled at another conference to be held in May at Djakarta, the Indonesian capital.

The more people arrived at in the draft that Japan, while acknowledging her obligation to pay reparations will not be asked to pay more than her economy can reasonably stand.

No amounts were set, however, and there are still some conflicts between the two countries on how damages will be calculated.

Japan wants to count only material damage, while Indonesia, in a long list defining what she considers damages, wants compensation for some things Japan might not consider material losses. Some of these are losses sustained by issue of Japanese occupation currency, decrease in production, delay in repair and reconstruction, and the adverse effect on social rehabilitation.

A final threshing out was set over for the next conference.

CAN'T SIGN YET

In any case, Japan cannot sign any final agreement on the issue until the treaty of peace is ratified.

Furthermore, Japan wants to delay any final reparations settlements until she has received all such claims from former enemy nations.

The draft agreement, however, does settle some outstanding points as the result of the opening conference from Jan. 22 to Jan. 28.

Among these are definitions of just what services Japan will perform and pay for—although the amounts were not decided.

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Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 30.

Prices of grain futures closed

today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel

Spot 2.01 nominal

March 2.05/6

May 2.05/6

September 2.05/6

Oats 2.05 nominal

March 1.88/9

May 1.91/1.91

September 1.87/8

Corns 2.01/1

March 2.00/1

May 2.01/1

Oats 2.01/1

May 2.01/1

September 2.01/1

Sacks 2.00/1 United Press

DISINFLATION STARTING? British Home Trade May Be At Its Peak

Indications That Prices Of Goods May Begin To Fall

(BY NORMAN CRUMP)

Manila, Jan. 30. Legislative moves for nationalisation of certain aspects of the Philippine economy are now being embodied in separate bills to be filed for Lower House consideration.

The measures include nationalisation of labour, retail trade, and the drug dispensing business. A fourth measure, the nationalisation of the teaching profession from elementary up to preparatory collegiate courses, is now being drafted.

Even if bankers have not yet done much to restrict bank loans, it is clear that many people feel that they will have less money to invest, while some of the largest and most prosperous firms realise that they will have to seek new finance from the investor rather than from their bankers.

Here is one explanation of the fall in industrialists, which has been accentuated.

The most important question, however, is the effect which those new monetary measures are having on the general course of home trade.

I have recently made inquiries in many parts of the country. The replies naturally are conflicting, and any generalisation would be dangerous.

Yet there are indications that the home-trade curve may be beginning to turn downwards, and that we may get real disinflation in the sense that numbers of people will lack either the desire or the ability to spend as much as they have hitherto.

If so, it should not be long before the prices of goods begin to fall.

SOME INDICATIONS

Some of these indications are apparent to all. Thus it is far easier today to place an order with a tailor than it was a few years ago.

Tracing the clothing and textile trades to their roots, I have a report from Manchester which says that people no longer talk of "temporary recession," and that "there can be no real improvement until present heavy stocks are cleared."

Many of these stocks are financed by bank loans, and there is real apprehension of what might happen if the banks resolutely carry out the Government's desire to restrict credit.

What would happen in fact would be forced sales, heavy business losses, and a sharp fall in the price of cloth. This has not happened yet, and the Government does not want to provoke a business crisis. Apart from its effects at home, it would cause grave disturbance to our export trade, already seriously threatened by Japanese competition.

Restrictions on rubber shipments to any country could only be part of a whole policy under which producing countries should be adequately protected, Sir John added.

He is leaving for the United Kingdom today after a two-month tour of Malaya.

South-East Asian countries, the world's main rubber producers, should be safeguarded against low prices in order to raise their living standards, maintain economic stability and prevent Communist inroads, he said.

Rubber prices for 1952 depended largely on the United States' policy, he added.

In 1951, production exceeded consumption by 400,000 tons, which were absorbed by stockpiling.

Sir John said that a similar surplus was likely in 1952 and this too must be taken over by stockpiling or there will have to be some modification of the United States' rubber policy."

"If neither happens, rubber prices would drop with disturbing effects on the economies of South-East Asian countries," he added.—Reuters.

LONDON MARKET

London, Jan. 30.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in cents

per lb. 401/3

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John L. Lewis Has Solution To Britain's Problem

Washington, Jan. 30.

The United Mine Workers president, John L. Lewis, says Britain could save its economy from collapse by producing another 100,000,000 tons of coal a year.

"And there is no reason why she should not do it," said the veteran Welsh-born labour leader in testimony published today.

He made the remark yesterday in the course of testimony before a Committee of Congress on mine safety in the United States. The official transcript of his comment has been made available.

Self-Govt Plan By Sudanese Party

Khartoum, Jan. 30.

A move towards the creation of a self-governing Republic of The Sudan as a member of the British Commonwealth on the Indian pattern was made here today by the formation of a "Sudan Party" — a new middle of the road party.

It was announced that the new party would be led by Mohamed Ahmed Omar, Assistant Secretary-General of the Umma Party.

Omar is said to have been promised the support of more than 2,000,000 Southern Sudan tribesmen and that he has already gained the support of influential elements of the intelligentsia in Khartoum who believe that self-government within the Commonwealth is the most common sense solution to the Sudan problem.

In the past the main political parties in the Sudan have been divided into two groups—those which favoured some form of union with Egypt and those who aimed at independence.

The pro-Egyptian factions regard themselves as realists and say that the Sudan must have outside support to survive. They look to Egypt as their nearest neighbour and the natural outlet for the Sudan to the Suez Canal.

THE OTHER VIEW

The independence group is essentially anti-Egyptian and looks to Britain for support, although it is wary of colonialism and does not want to come out openly with proposals for a direct link with Britain.

The newly formed Sudan Party was the first to say openly that the Sudan must choose between Britain and Egypt. Its statement of policy, the Party claims, is based on hard facts. The Party wants the Sudan to be independent but admits the need for support for the young State in the present unsettled world conditions.

The statement declared that Egypt would most certainly bring political and economic pressure to bear on a fully independent Sudan. To withstand this the Party believes that it should join up with the British Commonwealth with which the Sudan's trade is inextricably tied.—United Press.

AID FUNDS GRANTED

Washington, Jan. 31.

The American Mutual Security Agency today granted \$62,000 to Indonesia and \$8,000 to the Philippines.

The grant to Indonesia was split into \$39,000 for the purchase of generators and engines from the United States, the Netherlands and Britain, \$17,000 for the purchase of industrial equipment from the United States, the Netherlands and Britain and the rest for the purchase of engines and turbines from Japan, the United States, Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

The grant to the Philippines will be used for technical assistance expenditure.—France-Presse.

Advisers For Alexander

London, Jan. 30.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, told his predecessor, Mr. Clement Attlee, in the House of Commons today that when Lord Alexander becomes Minister of Defence on March 1, the present arrangement will continue whereby the Chiefs of Staff advise the Minister of Defence, and through him, the Government as a whole, on military matters. A Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence will be appointed.

Asked whether he would take steps to rebuild stocks of .303 rifles, Mr. Churchill said, as he had stated in the Defence debate in December, there were over 5,000,000 rifles at the end of the war and they now had rather less than half that number. Stocks at the end of the war included 1,000,000 American rifles.—Reuters.

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New French Premier



This picture shows the new French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, with his family in their Paris apartment. On the extreme left is Mme. Faure. Next to her is daughter Sylvie, and on the Premier's knee is daughter Agnes, aged 3½.—AFP photograph.

Ship's Cooks & Stewards Strike

San Francisco, Jan. 30.

The skipper and crew on the freighter Alaskan Bear had to raid the icebox while in Indian waters or go hungry. Capt. E. Noble told a U.S. Coast Guard hearing yesterday.

He said eight cooks and stewards refused for six days to prepare meals aboard the vessel. The eight are charged with misconduct during the cruise to Karachi, Pakistan.

Noble said the men walked off the ship on December 5, and stayed away the first three days returning only when called to voice their complaints to the U.S. Consul.

The U.S. Consul declared the ship safe for sailing. Noble said, but the men refused to work because of fear of beatings by some members of the crew.

Separately charged is Chief Engineer Adam Labrance, accused of refusing to sail from Karachi.

Noble and Labrance and other engineers evidently also feared trouble with certain members of the crew.—Associated Press.

HANDCUFFED

In answer to Mr. Clifford,

witness said that the two accused led him and a party of police to the first pawnbroker where they recovered a wrist watch.

The two prisoners were handcuffed together to each other.

Witness said he questioned the accused about the stolen property shortly after their arrest. They refused to tell him anything. They were then questioned by Insp. Kavanagh in his own room. Later the Inspector asked him to take the two accused to the pawnbrokers.

Witness denied Counsel's suggestion that the prisoner's sudden change of attitude was due to their being beaten up by witness, who added that the reason why he questioned them first was because he effected their arrest and it was natural to ask them questions.

DENIES ASSAULT

A further suggestion by Mr. Clifford that witness hit the accused on the body with his fist was also denied.

Witness admitted to Mr. Chen that in the lower Court he had testified that after their arrest, the accused took him and a party of police to the Tung Tak pawnshop in Wan Chai where the pawnbroker produced a ring which first accused admitted was the one he had pawned.

Witness also agreed that in his evidence yesterday he had stated that it was the second accused who had identified the ring.

Witness, in answer to Mr. Chen, said he was aware of the penalty of perjury. Asked to retract the second statement, witness said his memory might be at fault. What he had wanted all along was to tell the truth.

Mr. Chen then read the evidence given by Insp. Kavanagh and Chan Wing, detective corporal, in the lower court.

TAIKINSHAN STRANDING INQUIRY

Captain Gives Testimony

An inquiry into the stranding of the ss Taikinshan which ran aground on the North Reef of Paracels Island (about 350 miles from Hongkong) on January 17, opened this morning at the Marine Court.

The 2,284-ton ship met with disaster while on her way to Singapore from Swatow with about 1,500 tons of general cargo. The ship was abandoned and nine members of the crew lost their lives. Survivors were rescued by H.M.S. Alert and taken back to Hongkong by the Prince Salvador.

The ship is owned by the Tai Ping Steamship Navigation Co. of Connaught Road.

The Court of Inquiry comprised Mr. T. B. Low, (Marine Magistrate, (President), Lieut.-Cdr. D. S. Cox RDRN, and Capt. W. Lumsden (members).

Mr. R. F. G. Dennis of Messrs. Bruton and Co. represented Capt. Robert Wherry, master of the Taikinshan, who was the first witness.

Capt. Wherry said that he had held a Master's Certificate since 1924 and his son-going career started 47 years ago.

He said that all the ship's papers were handed to the care of the No. 1 Compradore who was subsequently drowned so that he had no documents to assist his evidence but had to give it from memory.

Witness described the course of the vessel after leaving Swatow at 5 p.m. on January 15. There was a fresh NE wind with high sea and swell. At noon the following day the wind had dropped a little. The sky was clouded the whole day so no sights could be obtained.

He would not go by his sights taken by the stars at night for he had found from previous experience that they were unsatisfactory. No alteration in the course was made during the night of 16/17.

Capt. Wherry said that the 4-8 morning watch of January 17 was taken by the Chief Officer. Round about 10 o'clock the Chief Officer (drowned) took sight and he checked his workings. The results of both workings were very close, with a difference of about four miles. The latitude at noon was obtained by the Chief Officer and the Second Officer (drowned) took sight and he checked his workings. The results of both workings were very close, with a difference of about four miles. The latitude at noon was obtained by the Chief Officer and the Second Officer (drowned) took sight and he checked his workings.

Witness, No.

I suggest that not being satisfied with the suggestion that first accused took you to get the wrist watch from the first pawnbroker that on this occasion you want to suggest to the Court that the second accused was the one who took you and got the ring from the second pawnshop.—No.

I suggest you are concocting this whole story as regards both the accused.—No.

Additional Charge Against Ship's Capt.

An additional charge of possession of arms and ammunition was preferred against Sidney Ernest Harris, 27, Master of the ss Tak Shing, before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

Harris was originally charged with wanton discharge of firearms and assault. His bail of \$100 was increased to \$1,000.

Another defendant, Robert David Anderson Owen, 23, Chief Officer of the Tak Shing, was charged with wanton discharge of firearms and was on bail for \$100.

Both defendants were remanded for five days. They were represented by Mr. Marcus A. da Silva.

Harris was alleged to have wantonly discharged a revolver and a pistol on board a ship in International waters on January 25. He was also alleged to have assaulted Clement Ambrose by pointing a gun at him. A third charge alleged that he had an automatic pistol and 75 rounds of ammunition on board the ship at Tal Yip Wharf on January 27.

Owen was alleged to have wantonly discharged a revolver on January 25.

Witness, in answer to Mr. Chen, said he was aware of the penalty of perjury. Asked to retract the second statement, witness said his memory might be at fault. What he had wanted all along was to tell the truth.

Mr. Chen then read the evidence given by Insp. Kavanagh and Chan Wing, detective corporal, in the lower court.

As an alternative, the Tokyo newspaper said, Japan might accept a Sterling payment if Britain agreed to supply promptly such materials as iron ore and wool.—Associated Press.

Living Language

Why we say A good dressing-down.

A "dressing-down" is a severe scolding or even a beating and is said to come from the process in the mining industry which "dresses down" the ore by stamping it to powder. But to "dress someone down" may also mean simply to put him to rights by taking the conceit out of him.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

By Air
Indo-China, 5 p.m.; Air Vietnam, Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.; C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 1230 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Tak Shing/Fatshan.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

By Air
Siam, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, S. Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m.; C.P.A.

Formosa, Japan, 1 p.m.; C.A.T.

Formosa, Okinawa, 8 p.m.; I.W.A.L.

Malaya, N. Borneo, 8 p.m.; Q.E.A.C.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m.; Siam, 8 p.m.; By Surface.

Macau, 1230 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Tak Shing/Fatshan.

China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; train, Canton.

Malaya, Noon, ss Hoi How.

Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.; ss Pres. Wilson.

Indonesia, 2 p.m., ss Tjwang.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Europe, 11.30 a.m.; via B.O.A.C.

Japan, 8 p.m.; B.O.A.C.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 8 p.m.; Air France.

By Surface

Macau, 1230 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Tak Shing/Fatshan.

China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; train, Canton.

Indo-China, 10 a.m., ss Elizabeth.

Malaya, Noon, ss Van Heutz.

Formosa, 2 p.m., ss Wing Sang.

Burma, India, 8 p.m.; Sandha.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

By Air
Formosa, 5 p.m., via H.K. Airways.

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macau, 1230 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Tak Shing/Fatshan.

China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; train, Canton.

Indo-China, 10 a.m., ss Elizabeth.

Malaya, Noon, ss Van Heutz.

Formosa, 2 p.m., ss Wing Sang.

Burma, India, 8 p.m.; Sandha.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

By Air
Formosa, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.

Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

Indo-China, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., N.W.A.L.

By Surface

Macau, 1230 p.m.; 6 p.m., ss Tak Shing/Fatshan.